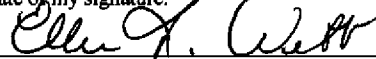


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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is filed in response to the Office action made final and mailed June 11, 2009. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time, extending the deadline until December 11, 2009. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2638 with the three-month extension fee, the RCE fee, and any other fee associated with this Response and RCE. The Response is structured as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.